IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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LAMINATED MATERIAL OF **SEGREGATING MEMBRANE AND**

SEGREGATING MEMBRANE SUPPORTING MATERIAL, AND

ITS METHOD OF MANUFACTURE (Rule 1.53(b) Continuation of Serial No.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: